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My dear Mr Wood.

Yours of 29th ult at hand regarding catalogue and certificate and I assure you that both would be most acceptable to me and if you will kindly mail to my address together with bill for same will be under great obligations, and at some futun date hope to return the courtesy and assist you on orientals &c. Have visited Turkey.
My collection consists of U.S. (all denominations) Canada 80%, Hard Times Tokens 60% Silver dollar size (all countries), Tetradrachms, 300 Denarius, 200 1st 2d & 3rd Roman Bronze. 500
My only real pleasure has been while working on my Greeks, the balance only the excitement of "collecting" and then just a valuable pile of junk.

Thanking You again I remain

Fraternally Yours

W. F. Dunham

67 W Van Buren St

Chicago Oct 25th 1905

My dear Mr Wood.

Everything arrived for which please accept my thanks. The Catalog- is quite interesting to me and have added it to our historical department of the Chicago Dollar. (1804) (Rechristened)
I enclose you one of the Medals presented to the members present at the last mid-monthly meeting of the society also a few pieces you might possibly class as comming in your line of collecting. if not "throw them in the alley".
The C.N.S. has been making a hard fight to interest its members in collecting Illinois mon especially Chicago Store Cards. and last may purchased a book to record names and numbers. history &c. Hoping to be able to reciprocate in future I remain Fraternally Your

W F Dunham.

The letter sent was rewritten

Brookline Oct 22,1910

Mr. Wm. F. Dunham,

Chairman Board of Governors.

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir,-

Your favor of the 20 at hand. My interview with Mr. Tilden has been postponed until next week, I will then acquaint you with the details of the meeting.

Mr. Zerbe as editor and owner of the Numismatist intends to make some announcement of the change of status of the Journal in the next number of the Numismatist, this he expects to get out early in November. would it not be well for you to make some announcement as well in behalf of the A.N.A. If I am successful in getting Mr. Tilden as general manager we will call that end of it finished, if not successful I will refer this matter to you again. I will make arrangements for a 10% commission to be paid to the Gen. Mgr. for one year so that we can see how we stand, and whether we are warranted in in giving more or less another year. As this is a matter involving money the consent of the B. of G's should be had. You had better get the Boards affirmation on this, and notify me. I will how ever make arrangements to go ahead on a 10% basis with Mr. Tilden.

You have herewith my approval as a member of the Board for

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this 10% commission to be paid to the Gen'l Secretary on money received from advertising.

Now for the Editors, I do think that the Chief editor and the General Manager should be fairly near one another as a matter of convenience. It would be just as well to have one of the other editors nearby as well. But it is best to have one editor some ways off so that he can represent the other section of the country, it is policy to have it so. There should be some representation other that Eastern representation on the editorial board. I think Chicago with its active numismatic organization should be able to produce one good man for the Board of Editors. It is not always essential that an editor be an able writer as one of the duties of an editor is to get material from others. Someone who can get others to write is just as valuable a man. Again I should think that the West would want representation on the Board and especially Chicago. Look around, we have a few weeks to do this in. As you say "the few do the work of the many", I would like to see someone besides the "few" begin to learn.

I do not want any position on the Board, for two reasons, I am one of the editors of the Am. Journal of Numismatics and cannot very well serve on both publications, again, I expect to keep busy enough helping Mr. Elden and I will take just as much interest in the publication if I am not on it.

Possibly it will be just as well for Mr. Frey to have some choice in the third editor, will sound him on this and advise you. In the mean time, I wish you would go ahead an look around for one editor, who should be a western man.

Very Fraternally,

Oct.30,1910.Brookline.

Mr. Wm.F.Dunnam,Chairman,
Board of Governors,
Chicago,Ill.

Dear Sir;-

As I wrote you previously I had an appointment with Mr.Tilden to day in re the business managership of the Official Organ.I did not go into details as I otherwise would as I am holding up until I hear from you again.

I can report as follows;- Mr Tilden is willing to run the publication as regards seeing to the printing and mailing and acting as its business agent and also attending to the advertising. He is familiar with all this work as he is in a similar line of business,and what is more he has the time at his disposal to give to it.

The question of remuneration came up,he said that although he was not looking for any such thing he felt that the Secretary should be compensated,especially in his instance as his means were not at all ample.As the Secretary was supposed to attend conventions he thought that those expenses should be provided for,that being,as far as he could see his only expense.I agreed with him on this score and told him that I would bring it to your notice.I further stated that if this was not provided for now it undoubtedly would be during next year after the Association had a chance to see how they were coming out and that if he should be the one selected to publish the magazine he could come pretty near insuring himself on this by making the advertising and the magazine pay.

I told him that I had no authority for promising anything,but that I would lay all the matters discussed before you and that you would write him whether his services were required as publisher of the magazine and whether there would be any remuneration.

I remain very fraternally,

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Chicago, Nov. 2d 1910.

Dear Mr. Wood;-

Your very valued favor of the 29th ult. at hand, and your explanation clears away all immaginary doubts that I had,caused by the receipt of numerous officiously malicious epistles from the disgruntled section of our membership.

I have the assurance of a majority of the B of G (the bal. made no reply) that in the matter of the Numismatist that, anything we agreed was for the best interests of the association must be done and later official action could taken, therefore please see Mr. Tilden and conclude arrangements as outlined in our previous correspondence.

You suggested that a statement for publication inthe Numismatist be made, and Mr. Zerbe has made a similar request. Itherefore inclose a statement of our progress in negotiating for the Numismatist thus far, which after perusal please forward to Mr. Zerbe immediatly as the forms go to press in a day or two.

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

W. F. Dunham

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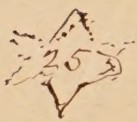

Nov.4,1910

My dear Mr.Dunham,-

Your favor just at hand and I am very glad to hear from you I have also been keeping in touch with the sentiment throughout the country,and I will say that there has been more or less sentiment pro and con.However the expressions in favor of what has been done has outweighed adverse criticisms,these latter I have sized up as emanating from those afraid they would be forced out in the cold or because they have been unable to have a finger in the pie.Several years of being in the ring have got me used to this.I have also been accused,perhaps rightfully,of railroading this Numismatist deal through,my excuse is that something had to be done and done quick, and if I had stopped to get everybody's consent we would have been nowhere.Exception was taken to the trusteeship,but I could get Mr. Wilson's consent to buy the N. if I would look after all the details. I was also accused of looking after Mr.Wilson's interests rather than the A.N.A.'s of which I am a governor.No answer is needed to this.Exceptions were taken that the Trustees chose to name the chief editor.These exceptions I will admit have grounds,but let this be considered;-it is of the utmost importance to get a chief editor at once,if this was left to the A.N.A. to decide negotiations to decide on one might have gone on for a long time,various squabbles might have ensued,and no matter who was finally chosen there would have been a howl,therefore settle this at once.The choice of Mr.Frey was objectionable to some,this could not be helped,but I can assure you that we have a good man in Mr.Frey,he is qualified to hold the office and is enthusiastic over it,the matter was considered very carefully and discussed from all standpoints,and Mr.Frey completely understands the need of absolute impartiality,no man with any brains can be absolutely so but I think Mr.Frey will do his best.I am enclosing Mr.Frey personal letter of acceptance to me,which please return and treat with confidence.I am sending this to you so that you will have no doubts as to Mr.Frey's position and the reason of our confidence in him.There is a mention of a certain name in this and his aspirations that you must keep to yourself but you can read between the lines and see one reason why Mr Frey was selected.By the way Frey's name was suggested by Mr.Zerbe,and Mr.Zerbe ought to be in a position to know who could handle the magazine.As you may know the two have not been friendly for some years (Z. & F.)This fact alone will show that some hatchets are being buried.Again,as near as possible all elements should be reconciled,therefore if New York is represented Chicago must be also.

Mr.Wilson has been here the past few days,as he wanted to be in close touch with me and has been awaiting your letter quite anxiously he wants me to convey through you to the Assoch. his thanks that you have accepted his offer.We have both of us decided that considering there has been opposition all remaining matters should be done by the Assoch.,and where we at first thought it would be expedient to suggest other ~~xxxxxxx~~ editors the choice of these should come from the Board of Governors or the Assoch. He however urges some Chicago man on the Board.These details can be taken up with Mr. Frey,if you think best,anytime. I have communicated with several of our officers as to their choice for asst. editors and the following names have been suggested.Messrs. Brand,Higgins,Saxton Zerbe and S.Hudson Chapman.None of these have been approached as far as I know. I am offering these to you as having been suggested to me.I think five editors would be preferable to three.

I will notify Mr.Tilden that he has been appointed Business Managerand for him to go ahead with that understanding. As for the matter of remuberation either you or Mr.Granberg had better take this up with him as I do not want to complicate matters on this score.

Mr.Zerbe will publish the magazine the balance of the year,but the title to it will be turned over to the Assoch.sometime after the next number is out,I should say now sometime about the end of this month.

Your statement for publication I will send to Mr.Zerbe to night I was anxious to get this as it will have a good moral effect on the members who are now uncertain as to what was the future of the official organ and I was afraid many while in doubt would neglect to renew.I see nothing to alter in your statement and can assure you that Mr.Wilson is very much pleased with it.

Thanking you very much for your courtesy I remain,

Very fraternally.

W. T. DUNHAM
NUMISMATIST.
CHICAGO, U.S.A.

Chicago, Apr. 22d. 1912.

My dear Mr. Wood.

I have never seen the token from which the rubbing you enclose was taken, and I enclose a rubbing of the only thing in my possession corresponding to it, which you have undoubtedly seen in the original.

My piece is certainly of the hard times period but, yours bearing the date and above suspicion of modern fabrication would entitle it to a place on the H.T. list. accordingly register my vote in favor of its admission to the list.

I received a copy of Mr. Comparettes' catalogue of the U.S. Mint collection this A.M. and I advise you to unless you have received one, to drop a postal card to the Treasury department for one as the edition may possibly be a limited one, it unquestionably is a valuable addition to numismatic literature.

Many thanks for the information your letter contained, for it is just such discoveries that advance us up on the ladder another step in the study of our beloved science.

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours.

W. T. Dunham